GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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SWAYAMSIDDHA PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of self help groups under Swayamsiddha programme recognized by the Union Government, State-wise;

(b) the criteria fixed by the Government to grant recognition to Self-Help Groups;

(c) whether direct funds are given for such self-help groups; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a) Formation of Self-help Groups (SHGs) under Swayamsidha (initiatedin March 2001) has not been reported by States/UTs till now.

(b) Under Swayamsidha, formal recognition or otherwise to SHGs is not accorded by the Government.

(c)&(d) Under Swayamsidha, funds are released to State/UT Governments,who, in turn, release funds to Project Implementing Agencies (PIAs) at the Block-level,which may be any appropriate agency, Governmental or Non-Governmental. ThePIAs,in turn, utilize the funds for SHG formation/mobilization and activities allied thereto.